

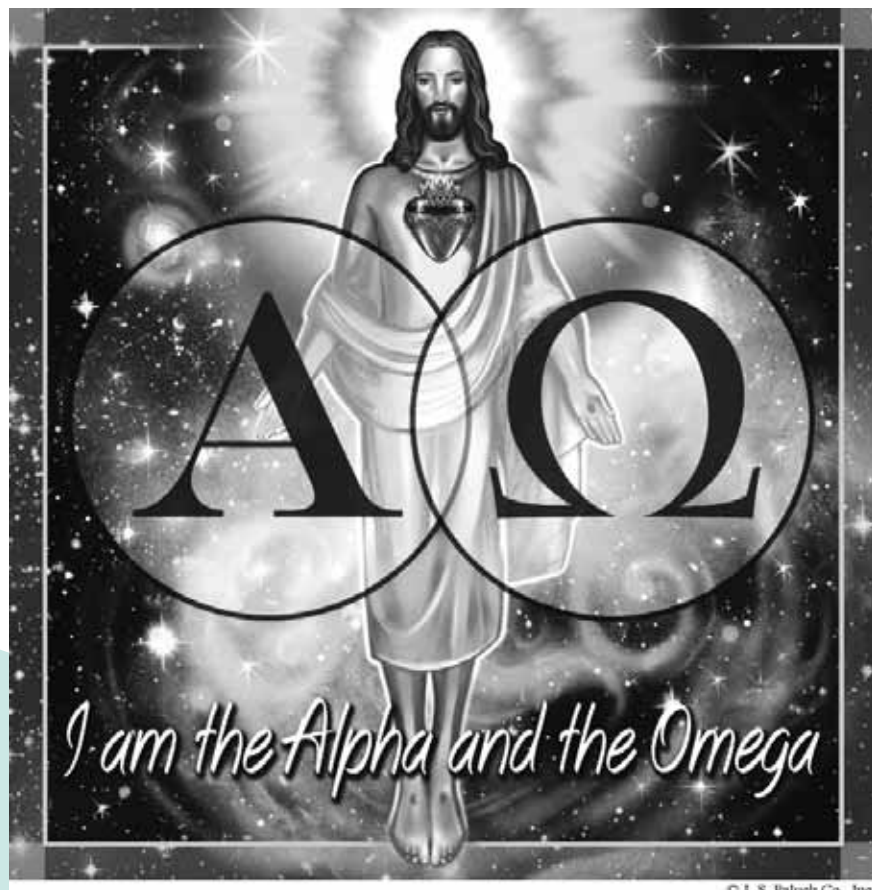
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor - Fr. John Kunz

Mass Schedule - Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm • Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Reconciliation - Saturday: 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm



November 25, 2018 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - John 18:33b-37

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From the Pastor's Desk

The feast of Christ the King ends the church year. What a gift for us to realize we have passed through another year with God's help. His presence is not domineering nor controlling. It may be our thought when we think of the rule of a king over his subjects. However, what we experience in God's Kingdom is a presence which supports our growth, forgives our failures and remains forever faithful.

So we thank God for teaching and forgiving us this past year.

Peace,
Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 26 – Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 21:1-4

8:15 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, November 27 - Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
8:15 am – Norval & Eunice Anderson†

Wednesday, November 28 - Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9;
Lk 21:12-19

8:15 am – Julian Goettl†, Richard Longenecker†

Thursday, November 29 – Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;
Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

8:15 am – Communion Service

Friday, November 30 - Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
8:15 am – David Graham†, Norbert & Pat Hanson

Saturday, December 1 - Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
5:15 pm – Ken Ziegler†, Bonnie Murphy†, Allie Bisch†,
Dick Longenecker†

Sunday, December 2 - Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1
Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

8:00 am – Joan Kellen†, Parishioner's of St. John's

10:00 am – Richard Styer†, Bonnie Murphy†,
Tony & Alice Rotchadl†, Clair Haefner†, Paul Hanly†

St. John's Prayer Network -

To submit a prayer request, please call:

Sandy Roberts 387-1372 or Alice DiMeglio 345-5273
or email: Pastoral Care Associate at:
mike@stjohnsmankato.net

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 26

Communion Service – 8:15 AM – Church
Spirit Singers – 5:00 PM – St. Elizabeth room
Alpha – 6:00 PM - Library

Tuesday, November 27

Sunrise AA Meeting – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Daily Mass – 8:15 AM – Church
Journey to Justice meeting – 4:45 PM – Marion Room
Hope-Grief Ministry – 5:15 PM – John Paul II room
PLT Meeting – 6:15 PM – Marian Room
Knights of Columbus – 6:30 PM - PLC

Wednesday, November 28

Daily Mass – 8:15 AM - Church
Legion of Mary – 9:00 AM – Marian room
Fall Journey through Grief – 9:30 AM – John Paul II room
Choir for Christ (C4C) – 5:15 PM – Church
Roots – 6:30 PM – PLC Cafeteria
Edge and Life Teen at Loyola for the Sarah Swafford
Event - 5:30 PM-9:00 PM.

Thursday, November 29

Communion Service – 8:15 AM – Church
Simon Ministry – 10:30 AM
Laurels Peak Mass – 3:00 PM – Laurels Peak
Initiation Ministry with Fr. John – 6:30 PM – Marian Room
Wisdom-Scripture – 6:30 PM – John Paul II room

Friday, November 30


Al-Anon – 6:30 AM – Parish Library
Early Risers AA – 6:30 AM – Matthews Hall
Daily Mass – 8:15 AM - Church

Saturday, December 1

Prayer Walk – 9:00 AM – Madison East Mall
Reconciliation Faith Sharing Centers – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Matthews Hall

Sunday, December 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Faith Formation (Grades 1,3,4) – 9:00 AM – PLC
CLW – 10:10 AM – Matthews Hall
Youth Mission Trip Meeting – 11:00 AM – Matthews Hall
“Christmas Dreams: A Cantata” – Advent with Spirit Singers
& Loyola HS Choir – 2:00 PM - Church



We Welcome Newcomers to Our Parish Family...

Molly Fox and
Jack and Patrick Norris

ST. JOHN'S NEWS

JUST A REMINDER

Please **DO NOT** park in front of St. John's maintenance garage in the alley (**by door #15**) during the winter months. Snow removal equipment needs to be taken in and out of this area. Thank You.



Thank You

The St. John's Men's Club thanks all who attended and worked at our annual Chicken Dinner. It was greatly appreciated. The proceeds from this dinner will be used to support St. John's Faith Formation Youth Program, Vacation Bible School and other Church programs.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

The St. John Book Club book for this month is "Wiskin and Hopin" by Wally Lamb. Anita Maki has extra copies, if you'd like a copy for have questions. Discussion will be at 1:30 pm in the St. John's library on December 12th in the library. New members are welcome. If you have any questions please call Anita Maki at 507-386-1395.

SIMON MINISTRY CHRISTMAS

As a centrally located downtown parish, Simon Ministry is our parish supported ministry to the poor, unemployed and those in need. On December 6, 2018, Simon Ministry will be offering our visitors a Christmas party/gathering. We would like to offer out visitors a lunch and a chance to Christmas shop for themselves or someone in their family.

We are asking the parish for new, unwrapped gifts for mostly men and women. Suggested items are: personal care gift sets, heavy socks, long & short sleeve T-shirts, sweatshirts, flannel shirts, lounge flannel pants, all items in sizes for men and women: L, XL, XXL. Other items appreciated are bath towels, light blankets and backpacks. Collection baskets are placed in the back of church and the entrance near the elevator. Donations are due December 2, 2018.



SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Baptism - To prepare your child for Baptism, it is essential that parents participate in Pre-Jordan preparation.

Marriage - Contact the parish office 1 year in advance of wedding date. Marriage prep is required.

Becoming Catholic - If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or have questions about the process (Christian Initiation), please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick - Anointing

If you have a serious illness, are facing hospitalization and/or surgery, please contact the parish office to arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

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Sarah Swafford

"Relationships: It's Complicated"

Wednesday
November 28th
@ Loyola High School

SCHEDULE
5:30pm - Mass with Bishop Quinn
6:30pm - Pizza
7:15pm - Sarah Swafford
8:15pm - Split Sessions for Parents & Youth

**FREE for grade 7-12
St. John's Youth & Parents!**

LOYOLA NEWS



Learn about Loyola Catholic School (PS-12) Visit www.loyolacatholicschool.org

Contact **Angela Casteel** at acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or 507.388.0615 to schedule family tours.

Save the Date!

Nov 28: Memorial Mass at 1pm

Dec 1: Barnes & Noble Bookfair (Mention Loyola at checkout or on line)

Jan 28: Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10am, Holy Rosary Parish

At this time of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all those whose prayers, interest and support enable Loyola to offer a unique educational experience to our families, students and local community.

Thanks to all who made **Wired to the Heart 2018** an awesome event!

Host Families needed: We need 5 more families to host students from Argentina for a homestay/shadow experience from Jan 6-Feb 9. A stipend will help cover room/board, meals, and transportation to/from school each day. Contact Angela at 507.388.0615 or acasteel@loyolacatholicschool.org or Julienne Antes of Nacel Open Door at 507.304.2143 to choose your student. Each student must have a host family by Dec 1.

Did you know? During the season of **Advent**, younger students at Loyola collect baby items for **Birthingright**; older students raise funds for **Christmas Baskets** and shop for items requested by local parish families.

We continue to incorporate **Top 20** concepts and language into our day, helping all to reach toward their full potential by creating a culture in which everyone acknowledges each person's dignity, worth and purpose.


Want to **volunteer** at school? Call us! 388.0600

THANK YOU to all who send us **Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee receipts, and Milk Moola labels.**

Your parish support makes all we do, learn, and celebrate at Loyola possible.

Leading through Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service.

We welcome our newest Christians into the family of God and St. John's parish.



Jack Logan Dexter
Parents: Ben and Lindsay Dexter
November 18, 2018

St. John's

Monthly Prayer Focus



NOVEMBER

Act of Contrition & Daily Examen

PRAYER is one of the three aspects of our Parish Mission and identity: PRAYER-SERVICE-LEARNING. For our 2018-2019 Faith Formation Year, we want to focus on different prayer experiences. Our goal is to assist people of all ages in simplifying our prayer, taking time to pray, and receiving resources of various prayer types.

We will plan different written prayers and/or prayer types for each month, provide physical and visual aids for these prayers, and practice or utilize these prayers in our weekend Masses and other planned liturgies. We hope you will introduce them and pray them together in your families and homes.



Prayer for Youth & Adults

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. The Examen is an ancient practice in the Church that can help us see God's hand at work in our whole experience.

The method our Faith Formation team presents to you is adapted from a technique described by Ignatius Loyola in his Spiritual Exercises. St. Ignatius thought that the Examen was a gift that came directly from God, and that God wanted it to be shared as widely as possible. One of the few rules of prayer that Ignatius made for the Jesuit order was the requirement that Jesuits practice the Examen twice daily—at noon and at the end of the day. It's a habit that Jesuits, and many other Christians, practice to this day.

Prayer for Children

The Daily Examen includes an opportunity to reflect on our sins and express our sorrow for them. Our children in Sacramental Prep are learning about sin and how we ask for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All of our young children will focus on and learn the Act of Contrition this month.

Connecting to the Liturgy

To help our children learn the prayer and to remind ourselves of our need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly, we will pray the Act of Contrition in place of the Confiteor (I confess to almighty God...) at our weekend liturgies in November.

Resources: 1) The Daily Examen (an examination of conscience) on one side with a Schedule for Individual and Communal Reconciliation opportunities on the back; 2) The Act of Contrition on one side with How to Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the back.

Stop by our RECONCILIATION STATION on the Mary-side altar to pick up your resources.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:30 - 5:00 PM

Additional Opportunities for Individual Reconciliation
November & December 2018

Sunday, November 4th 9:10 - 9:40 am	Tuesday, December 11th 7:00 pm
Sunday, November 10th 9:10 - 9:40 am	Friday, December 14th 8:45 am
Sunday, November 18th 9:10 - 9:40 am	Tuesday, December 18th 4:00 pm
Sunday, November 25th 9:10 - 9:40 am	

Communal Reconciliation Service
Sunday, December 16th
1:00 pm

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	November 18, 2018	Budget
Adult Envelopes/Electronic Giving	\$ 12,670.75	\$ 16,865.00
Offertory	\$ 1,232.25	\$ 557.00
\$1 Youth Envelopes	\$ 36.00	

Money Counters: Nov. 26 Team 1; Dec. 3 Team 2; Dec. 10 Team 3

	Current Fiscal YTD*	Prior Fiscal YTD
Income	\$235,921.19	\$224,257.11
Expenses	(\$258,746.90)	(\$232,846.98)
Operating Net Profit	(\$22,825.71)	(\$8,589.87)

* Results reflect many 2018 full year contributions.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL-2018**

Balance	2018	2018
January 1, 2018	Collections	Contributions needed
(\$ 71,730)	\$ 45,371	(\$ 26,359)

St. John's Young Stewards Time & Treasure

Children's Envelopes \$60.88
(Talents from Children's Envelopes)
Time: I prayed for Bridgette.
Talent: singing

** Catholic Ministries Appeal shortfall from the 2017 Parish obligation paid to the Catholic Foundation of Southern MN which is a separate entity from the Diocese of Winona.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

On **December 8th**, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (liturgy for the feast will be celebrated) **Sacred Space Ministry, Good Counsel Hill, Mankato**. Celebrate Advent and Mary. The day will include input, reflection, stories, sharing. How might Mary speak to us today? What is our Advent call? Fee: \$40, includes lunch. **Give yourself the gift of a day to enter into the spirit of Advent! Take time to prepare your heart, your spirit, your psyche for the coming of Christmas.** To register call 507-389-4266 or at mjwelter@ssndcp.org. Please register by December 4, 2018.

Catholics at the Capitol 2019

Are you tired of divisive angry politics? As a Minnesota Catholic you can begin to transform politics in our state. Join thousands of Catholics from across the state for a day of prayer and advocacy in St. Paul that will inspire you and teach you how to put your faith into action! On Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 we're coming together for life and dignity. Visit www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org for details and to register! Space is limited so don't delay! Transportation options are available.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;" Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekend is **Feb. 8-10, 2019 in Windom, MN**. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact us at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 1/2

Musicians

5:15 pm – Jaci James/ Kathy Chalhoub
8:00 am – Tom & Lisa Bierer
10:00 am – Mary Pribyl / Spirit Singers

Eucharistic Ministers

5:15 pm – Mardell Brauer, Rita Dauw, Karen Dehn, Paul Gaspar,
Michelle Goodrich, Barbara Haag, Jane Kohler
8:00 am – Teresa Depuydt, Susan Durbala, Nicole Goebel,
Cindy Hanson, Donna Kapsner, Ron & Terri Prange
Bill Simonette
10:00 am – JoAnn Alfson, Dianne Reuter, Kathy Sanger,
Pamela Steffl, Becki & Gary Stranik, Lisa Vasquez,
Monica Wagner

Lector

5:15 pm – Paul Gaspar, Barbara Haag
8:00 am – Bill Simonette, Mary Westby
10:00 am – Marsha Murphy, Sharon Patterson

Sacristan

5:15 pm – John Fell, Jenny Wagner
8:00 am – Pat Sullivan
10:00 am – Terry Alfson

Server

5:15 pm – Claire & Samuel Orcutt
8:00 am – Ethan Kapaun, Collin Kirschner
10:00 am – Samantha Kann, Calvin O'Connor, Ella Potocnik

Ministers of Hospitality

5:15 pm – Team 3
8:00 am – Team 7
10:00 am - Team 11

Weekly EM (November 26-30)

Mike Burkhardt

Laurel's Peak Service – (November 29)

Margaret Schmidt, Fred Jensen

The Board of Directors for the Connections Shelter invites YOU to:

A Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Monday, December 3rd from 5 PM to 8:30 PM

The Connections Shelter Board of Directors invites you to kick off your holiday shopping with an extravagant buffet of pizza, fried chicken and all the fixings including dessert on Monday, December 3rd from 5 PM to 8:30 PM at The Pizza Ranch on Madison Avenue. Connections Shelter volunteers will be waiting tables that night while visiting with guests about this important ministry. All tip proceeds will support the shelter operations this winter.

See you at The Pizza Ranch!



AREA NEWS

Senior LinkAge Line and Other Help for Medicare Beneficiaries

Due to the unprecedented Medicare changes happening in Minnesota, call volume to the Senior LinkAge Line is expected to be much higher than normal during open enrollment. To help meet this demand, the Senior LinkAge Line has increased staff and expanded its hours to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. Even with these changes, wait times are anticipated to be longer than normal. To help manage the volume and ensure beneficiaries and caregivers get help, we offer these tips:

- Call 1-800-Medicare for assistance. They are ready to help with the Cost Plan transition.
- Call a trusted insurance agent or broker for help reviewing options and choosing a new plan or purchasing a policy.
- Those with Internet access can use the www.Medicare.gov Plan Finder to review options and enroll in a plan.
- Call the different plans to get information about their provider participation and preferred pharmacy network. The plans can also assist beneficiaries with enrollment.
- Before calling the Senior LinkAge Line, a plan or insurance agent, prepare a complete list of prescription drugs and dosages. This will allow them to better assist with reviewing options.
- When calling the Senior LinkAge Line for help with Medicare, press 2 to be routed to a Medicare specialist.

Thank you for your patience, as we do our best to help Minnesota Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers make these important decisions for 2019.

Contact Information:

Robin Thompson,
Information and Assistance Director
Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging®, Inc.
1-800-333-2433 extension 82016

Winter Festival

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
St. Clair, MN on Saturday, December 1, 2018.
Christmas Cookie and Holiday Treat Sale,
Cutest Cupcake Contest, Luncheon from 11 am
-1pm in the church basement and a raffle with
drawing at 12 noon. Luncheon - \$6 for Adults;
Students-\$4; Children under 4: Free